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November 2, 2005 8:42 AM

Representative Walter Jones  
U.S. House of Representatives  
422 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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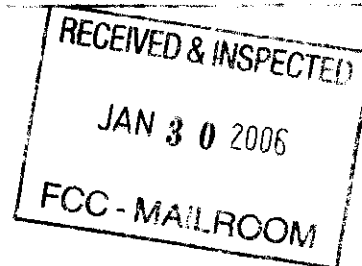
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**Carol Hetzler**

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November 2, 2005 10:26 AM

Senator Dick Durbin  
U.S. Senate  
332 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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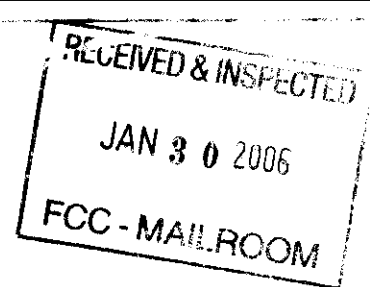
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**Carol A Rose**

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November 2, 2005 9:54 AM

Senator Jon Corzine  
U.S. Senate  
502 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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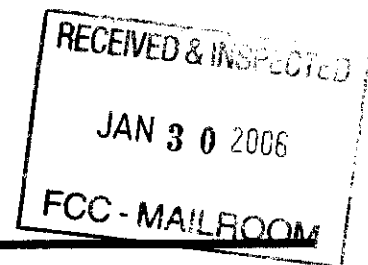
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**Fred Robinson**

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U.S. Senate  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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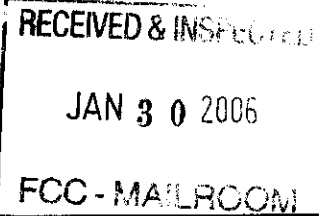
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Arthur Reiten

1634 Westfield Ave , Green Bay, WI 54303

November 2, 2005 9:15 AM

Senator Herb Kohl  
U.S. Senate  
330 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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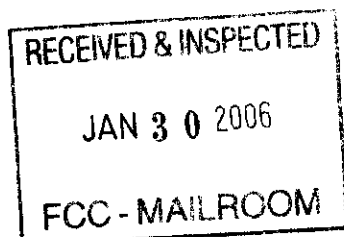
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Bonnie Rabine

P.O. Box 16 , Ellendale, ND 58436-0016

November 2, 2005 10:04 AM

Senator Byron Dorgan  
U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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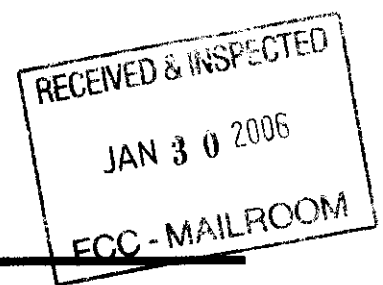
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Kelly Seifert

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Representative Jerry Moran  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2443 Rayburn House Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515-0001

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November 2, 2005 9:47 PM

Senator Barack Obama  
U.S. Senate  
713 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-0001

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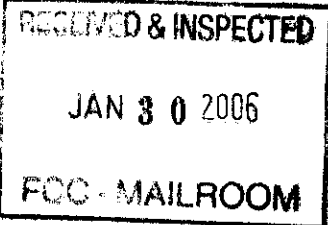
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Mary Ann Omaggio

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